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CHAPTER XXXV. The Curtain Falls.

Bronzed by months of scouting on those northern plains, a graver, older look upon his face, and the bars of a captain gracing the shoulders of his new cavalry jacket, Donald Brant trotted down the stage road bordering the Bear Water, his heart alternating between hope and dread.

The familiar yellow house at the cross-roads appeared so unattractive as to suggest the thought that Naida must have been inexpressibly lonely during those months of waiting. He knocked at the sun warped door. Without delay it was flung open, and a vision of flushed face and snowy drapery confronted him.

Why, Lieut. Brant! I was never more surprised in my life. Do, pray, come right in. Yes, Naida is here, and I will have her sent for at once. Oh, Howard, this is Lieut. Brant, just back from his awful Indian fighting. How very nice that he should happen to arrive just at this time, isn't it?"

The young officer silently accepted Mr. Wynkoop's extended hand, and found a convenient chair, as Miss Spencer hastened from the room to announce his arrival.

"Why 'just at this time?" " he ques-

## PUBLIC SALE

Of Real and Personal Property.

As Executor of the estate of James Dudley Ware, deceased, I will offer for sale on the Massie farm, in Christian county, about six miles east of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on and best bidder, at public auction, on Horn."

### Friday, Aug. 30, 1907

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E. B. LONG, Executor of James Dudley Ware, Dec'd.

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is so popular, you know."

The lady again bustled in, her eyes glowing with enthusiasm. "Why, I think it is perfectly delightful. Don't you, Howard? Now Lieut. Brant and Naida can stand up with us. You will, won't you. Lieutenant?"

"That must be left entirely with Naida for decision," he replied, so-

There was a rustle at the inner door, and Naida stood there. Their eyes met, and the color mounted swiftly to the girl's cheeks. Then he stepped resolutely forward, forgetful of all other presence, and clasped her hand in both his own. Neither spoke a word, yet each understood something of what was in the heart of the

"Will you walk outside with me?" he asked, at last. "I have much to say which I am sure you would rather near alone."

She bent her head, and with a brief word of explanation to the others, the young officer conducted her forth into the bright July sunshine. They walked in silence side by side along the bank of the little stream. Brant glanced furtively toward the sweet, girlish face. Then he spoke.

"Naida," he said, gravely, "I have come back, as I said I would, and surely I read welcome in your eyes?"

"And I have come to say that there s no longer any shadow of the dead between us."

She looked up quickly, her hands clasped, her cheeks flushing. "Are you sure? Perhaps you misunderstand; perhaps you mistake my mean-

"I know it all," he answered, soberly, "from the lips of Hampton."

"You have seen him? Oh, Lieut. Brant, please tell me the whole truth I have missed him so much, and since the day he rode away to Cheyenne not one word to explain his absence has come back to me. You cannot understand what this means, how much he has become to me through vears of kindness."

"You have heard nothing?" "Not a word."

Brant drew a long, deep breath. He had supposed she knew this. At last, he said gravely: "Naida, the truth will prove the kindest message, I think. He died in that unbroken ring of defenders clustered about Gen. the Fairview road, to the highest Custer on the bluffs of the Little Big

> Her slight figure trembled so violently that he held her close within

"There was a smile upon his face when we found him. He performed "But-but, this cannot be! I saw

the published list; his name was not among them.' "The man who fell was Robert

Gently he drew her down to a seat

upon the soft turf of the bank. She looked up at him helplessly, her mind seemingly dazed, her eyes yet filled with doubt. "Robert Nolan? My father?"

He bent over toward her, pressing his lips to her hair and stroking it tenderly with his hand.

"Yes, Naida, darling; it was truly Robert Hampton Nolan who died in battle, in the ranks of his old regiment-died as he would have chosen of every stain upon his honor. Sit up, little girl, and listen while I tell you. There is in the story no word which does not reflect nobility upon

She uplifted her white face. "Tell ne," she said, simply, "all you know." He recounted to her slowly, carejourney northward, of their providential meeting on the Little Big Horn, of the papers left in his charge, of



He Held Her Close Within His Arms.

We offer for sale the fine farm of Hampton's riding forward with dispatches, and of his death at Custer's side. While he spoke, the girl scarcely moved; her breath came in sobs

"These are the papers, Naida. opened the envelope as directed, and found deeds to certain properties, including the mine in the Black Range; a will, duly signed and attested, naming you as his sole heir, together with a carefully prepared letter, addressed to you, giving a full account of the Persons indebted to the estate of crime of which he was convicted, as well as some other matters of a personal nature. That letter you must read alone as his last message, but the truth of all he says has since been proved.'

She glanced up at him quickly. "By

Murphy?" "Yes, by Murphy, who is now lying

Mr. Wynkoop cleared his throat, in the hospital at Bethune, slowly re-Why-why, you see, we are to be covering. His sworn deposition has married this evening-Miss Spencer | been forwarded to the department at and myself. We shall be so delighted Washington, and will undoubtedly reto have you witness the ceremony. It sult in the honorable replacing of is to take place at the church, and your father's name on the army list. my people insist upon making quite I will tell you briefly the man's conan affair out of the occasion-Phoebe fession, together with the few additional facts necessary to make it

> "Your father and mine were for many years friends and army comrades. They saw service together during the great war, and afterward upon the plains in Indian campaigning. Unfortunatetly a slight misunderstanding arose between them. One night they openly quarreled when heated by wine, and exchanged blows. The following evening your father chancing to be officer of the guard and on duty, my father, whose wife had then been dead a year, was thoughtless enough to accompany Mrs. Nolan home at a late hour from a post ball. It was merely an act of ordinary courtesy; but gossips magnified the tale,



"Donald, I Love You."

and bore it to Nolan. Still smarting from the former quarref, in which I fear my father was in the wrong, he left the guard house with the openly avowed intention of seeking immediate satisfaction. In the meanwhile Slavin, Murphy, and a trooper named Flynn, who had been to town without passes, and were half-drunk, stole through the guard lines and decided to make a midnight raid on the colonel's private office. Dodging along behind the powder house, they ran suddenly upon my father, then on the way to his own quarters. Whether they were recognized by him, or whether drink made them reckless of consequences, is unknown, but one of the men instantly fired. Then they ran, and succeeded in gaining the barracks unsuspected."

She sat as if fascinated by his re-

"Your father heard the shot, and sprang toward the sound, only to fall headlong across my father's lifeless body. As he came heavily down, his revolver was jarred out of its holster and dropped unnoticed in the grass. An instant later the guard came running up, and by morning Capt. Nolan was under arrest charged with mur-The circumstantial evidence was strong-his quarrel with the murdered man, his heated language a few moments previous, the revolver lying beside the body, having twochambers discharged, and his being found there alone with the man he had gone forth to seek. Slavin and Flynn both strengthened the case by positive testimony. As a result, a courtmartial dismissed the prisoner in disgrace from the army, and a civil court sentenced him to ten years' impris-

"And my mother?" The question was a trembling whisper from quiver-

"Your mother," he said regretfully, was an exceedingly proud woman, belonging to a family of social prominence in the east. She felt deeply the causeless gossip connecting her name with the case, as well as the open disgrace of her husband's conviction. She refused to receive her former friends, and even failed in loyalty to your father in his time of trial. It is impossible now to fix the fault clearly, or to account for her actions. Capt. Nolan turned over all his property to her, and the moment she could do so she disappeared from the fort, taking you with her. From that hour none of her old acquaintances could learn anything regarding her whereabouts. She did not return to her family in the east, nor correspond with anyone in the army. Probably, utterly broken-hearted, she sought seclusion in some city. How Gillis obtained possession of you remains a mystery."

"Is that all?" "Everything."

They kept silent for a long time, the slow tears dropping from her eyes, her hands clasped in her lap. His heart, heavy with sympathy, would not permit him to break in upon her deep sorrow with words of comfort.

"Naida," he whispered at last, "this may not be the time for me to speak such words, but you are all alone Will you go back to Bethune with me-back to the old regiment as my wife?"

A moment she bowed her head before him; then lifted it and held out her hands. "I will."

"Say to me again what you once

"Donald, I love you." Gently he drew her down to him,

and their lips met. "I wish you to be very happy, Naida, dear," he whispered, drawing her head tenderly down until it found rest upon his shoulder.

"Yes, I feel you do, and I am; but it cannot come all at once, Donald, for I have lost so much-so much. I-I hope he knows."

(The End.)

#### Kentucky Fair Dates.

The following are the dates fixed for holding the Kentucky fairs for 1907, as far as reported:

Shelbyville, Aug. 27- 4 days.

Hardinsburg, Aug. 27-3 days.

Elizabethtown, Aug. 27-3 days. Springfield, Aug. 28-4 days. Paris, Sept. 3-5 days. Nicholasville Aug. 27-29. London Aug. 27-30 Florence Aug. 28-31 Germantown Aug. 28-31. Somerset Sept. 3-6. Alexandria Sept. 3-6. Bardstown Sept. 4-7. Hodgedville Sept. 10-12. Monticello Sept. 10-13. Glasgow Sept. 11-14.

Hartford Sept. 11-14. Guthrie Sept. 5, 6 & 7. Kentucky State Fair Louisville ept. 16-21. Sebree Sept. 18-21. Falmouth Sept. 25-28. Mayfield Oct. 1-5.

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